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SUBJECT: MEXICO SEEKS U.S. SUPPORT FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP BID

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- 11. Mexico's Foreign Ministry has sent Post diplomatic notes seeking USG support for the GOM's bid to become a member of the following UN bodies:
- -- ECOSOC's Commission on Sustainable Development for the period 2010-2013 which apparently comes up for a vote in April 2009. Mexico touts its own national policies dedicated to promoting conservation and biodiversity and its commitment to the adoption of decisions that reinforce sustainable development.
- -- ECOSOC's Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for the period 2010-2013 which also apparently comes up for a vote in April 2009. Mexico stressed that combating organized crime represents one of the government's highest priorities and maintained it was committed to reinvigorating the role of this commission in preventing crime and promoting rule of law.
- -- Human Rights Council for the period 2009-2012 which apparently comes up for vote in May 2009. Mexico is seeking reelection and stressed its commitment to human rights and its commitment to the consolidation of the Human Rights Council as the primary institution within the UN entrusted with promoting human rights.
- $\P 2$. Action Request: Post welcomes any information we could share with the GOM regarding our views on its bid for these UN bodies.

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